

Pocahontas Times.

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TO OUR EXCHANGES.

Our exchanges will kindly change our address from Huntersville to Marlinton, and also that all parties wishing to communicate with us will do so at the latter place.

POCAHONTAS TIMES REMOVAL.

Believing it to be to our interests to remove our plant to Marlinton, the new county-seat of Pocahontas before the new Court House is built, we have decided to remove next week. The name of our paper will not be changed, at least for the present, and the news of Huntersville will be given as though the paper was still here, thus not materially injuring this little city by our removal. We only move six miles and our social relations with the kind people of Huntersville will remain the same.

THE BUCKEY MURDER.

Last September, a very serious crime was committed at Buckeye, only about 10 miles from this place and at the October Court, following one Dick Rankin, alias H. Harrison, was indicted for the crime, and at the instigation or suggestion of our prosecuting attorney Mr. L. M. McClintic, the County Court offered a reward for the party indicted.

He was captured, lodged in jail at this place and held for trial at our April Court. And in the mean time every effort was made by our prosecuting attorney to find evidence for the State, which was unavailable, more than the statement before death, of the murdered man, but on the other hand, a reputable citizen of Davis, Tucker county, one hundred miles or more from the scene of the murder, with several others presented a sworn statement, that the prisoner was, on the date of the murder, working for said reputable citizen, and also that said reputable citizen had no interest whatever, in the man charged with murder more than to see that justice was done.

On the face of all this testimony and with the consent of the Judge the prosecuting attorney, entered a nolle prosequi in the case, which was all that any man could do under the circumstances, and further, as we think it our duty, to the peace and dignity of our county, to condemn the wrong and vindicate the right, we take pleasure in saying, as we believe, that our prosecuting attorney, done everything in his power to bring the guilty party of this heinous crime to justice, and it is our belief that the party set free was not the guilty man.

And last, will any sensible man, after knowing the circumstances, as we do, censure our prosecuting attorney for the non-prosecution of an innocent man.

GOOD ROADS.

There is no subject of local interest that more vitally concerns the people of Pocahontas County and the State of West Virginia than that of good roads. It would be difficult to estimate the value of improved public highways to our farmers. It would be so great that the actual cost to improve them would be insignificant in comparison.

The present condition of our roads is amazing when we consider the progress of civilization in other directions. In the matter of highways we have made scarcely no advance toward civilization, and if improvements in other respects had depended on better thoroughfares we would be still struggling helplessly amid semi-barbaric environments. As it is, the time has ar-

rived when our roads must be improved.

We are now going to build a twenty five thousand dollar courthouse, and improve our public buildings in every respect, and a few additional thousand would make us good roads. Every body agrees that better roads are an absolute necessity. Enough has been written and spoken to convince any body of men who may compose our County Court that a few thousand dollars expended on our County roads would not be objectionable to any tax payer who may have a part of this tax to pay. Good roads will enhance the value of every farm in our County to a far greater amount than it will take to build them. Where you haul a thousand pounds over our road in their present condition, two thousand could be hauled easier, and at less danger of breaking your wagon, if the roads were good, thus saving double the time in hauling, saving the breakage of your wagon, and your horses will not be worried almost to death as they are.

Lay a levy, and fix up our roads, and then put a man on them that will keep them in good condition for the toll. Nobody will object to pay toll if the roads are good, but if you put a toll gatherer on the roads who will steal the toll by never putting scarcely a days work on them, any body will kick and kick like thunder.

Appoint some good man that will see that the toll gatherer does his duty, and there will be no trouble. It has only been a few days since we drove over a toll road, or a road where they took toll on, where there were and are yet rock in it that will weigh 100 pounds or more and otherwise in a most disgraceful and dangerous condition.

This fall we are to elect a Commissioner of the Court from this or the Green Bank district, and by all means, let us see that we get a man who is in favor of and who will vote to lay a levy to repair our County roads. This is the kind of a man we want and no other, who is not in sympathy with this the most important matter.

GREENBRIER DEMOCRATS.

The Democrats of Greenbrier county met at Lewisburg on Tuesday and passed resolutions ordering a primary election for the choice of candidates for county officers and for ascertaining the vote of the county for candidates for Congress, to be held on the first Saturday in June; calling a mass convention to be held on the 28th of June, to which the result of the vote of Congressman shall be certified, and at which delegates to the State convention at Parkersburg and to the Senatorial convention at Ronceverte shall be appointed; commending the course of John W. Ar buckle as a member of the State Senate and recommending him for renomination and instructing the delegates from Greenbrier to vote solidly for him; expressing their "unshaken confidence in the patriotism, statesmanship, integrity and ability of Grover Cleveland;" and placing upon record the approval of the Democracy of Greenbrier "of the faithful and efficient services rendered to the people of West Virginia by the Hon. Charles J. Faulkner in the Senate of the United States," and asking "the Democratic brethren in the State at large to unite in demanding that the Legislature shall voice the sentiment of the people in returning him to the Senate in which he has served one term with such distinction to himself and credit to the State."

MR. HILL AND HIS ANTAGONISTS.

Senator Vest favors Mr. Cleveland's nomination and has no hesitation in saying so. But Senator Vest very earnestly desires that the Democratic candidate, whether

he be Mr. Cleveland or some one else, shall be elected, and he has been giving some needed admonition to those Democrats in this State who share his preferences as to a candidate.

"Nothing is to be gained," he has said, "by attacking Mr. Hill and his friends. We will need them to carry this State. Personally I could support Mr. Hill cheerfully."

These are wise and timely utterances. It is time for reason and common fairness to receive some consideration from those Democrats who are opposed to Senator Hill as a Presidential candidate. This is especially the case now that it is perfectly clear that Senator Hill is really not in the race.

There has never been any just reason for the intemperate abuse of Mr. Hill; but objection and criticism which might properly be brought against his methods of seeking the Presidential nomination have no relevancy against him as a man or a politician.

Senator Hill has recently made mistakes, as The World has very frankly pointed out. But he has rendered great service to his party in the past, he will be needed in the future, and it is certainly most unjust and absurd, as well as dangerously impolitic, to make hostility to Hill an article of Democratic faith.

If the Democracy is to win this year it must have the electoral vote of New York. If it is to get that vote it must have the support of all the Democrats in the State. The way to harmony, unity and success is the way of justice, moderation and fair treatment of all candidates.—N. Y. World.

Earthquake in California.

San Francisco, April 19.—The heaviest earthquake experienced in California since 1868 occurred shortly before 3 o'clock this morning. The country within 200 miles of San Francisco was visited by a shock which varied in intensity at different points. The loss will amount to \$1,000,000 probably. In this city a number of large buildings trembled perceptibly, but the only one to sustain damage was the old church building which until lately had been occupied by the Academy of Sciences, and the front wall of which gave way, tearing away the balconies.

The town of Vacaville, situated in the heart of the beautiful Vacaville valley sixty-five miles from San Francisco, was the center of the disturbance. Vacaville is a town of 2,700 population, and on its main street was a number of brick buildings. There was a number of these badly damaged or destroyed, as well as a number of brick residences in the town and vicinity. Many of the walls fell outward into the street, which was filled with debris, but which workmen at once began to clear away. The walls were of frail character and succumbed easily to the shock. Very slight damage occurred to frame houses. The only person in Vacaville reported seriously injured was Rev. O. O. Feltner, of San Jose, who was struck by falling debris and sustained severe cuts and bruises.

Many other towns were damaged to a like extent.

Supreme Court.

The following two cases from this County were decided by the Supreme Court on the 23rd inst: R. S. Turk, trustee vs. Jannie B. Skiles, opinion by Brannon, decree of Circuit Court reversed and bill dismissed, Judge Lucas dissenting.

Levi Gay adm'r, vs. Wm. Skeen, opinion by Lucas, decree of Circuit Court reversed and cause remanded.

Maser who murdered his wife in Wheeling a few weeks ago was sentenced on the 23rd inst. to be hung.

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